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Re: **FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Invention: **ZINC FIBERS, ZINC ANODES AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME**

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**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims.**

Please amend claim as set forth in the marked up claim below and add new claims 48-60.

A marked up version to show the changes made in the claims is attached as Exhibit A, a clean version of the claims is attached as Exhibit B.